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THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (a) No Sir."

" (b) Does not arise."

Grant of allowances to the Sanitary workers of the Cannanore Municipality.

* 737 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Commissioner of Cannanore Municipality has recommended to the Government to give trenching ground allowance, rubbish lorry allowance, increment of pay, gratuity for menial staff, full pay for sick leave period, and full fee concessions to the children of all sanitary workers of the Cannanore Municipality; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" (a) Yes, Sir.

" (b) The matter is under examination."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" May I know, Sir, how long it will take for the Government to come to a final conclusion? "

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" As early as possible, Sir."

Functions of Marketing Officers for handloom products.

* 738 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) how many marketing officers for handloom products are in the State and what their functions are; and

(b) how many emporiums have been opened in the State for selling and stocking handloom products?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) & (b) Government have not undertaken the marketing of handloom products on their own responsibility. The Madras State Handloom Weavers' Co-operative Society has its own marketing staff. It has also opened emporia in different parts of the State. A statement[a] giving particulars of the marketing staff employed and the list of selling units maintained by the State society is placed on the table of the House."

Community Project Schemes for South Arcot district.

* 739 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) the amount sanctioned and spent by the Government under the Five-Year Plan and the Community Project Schemes in South Arcot district up to the end of March 1953;

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(*b*) the subsidy given by the Government of India for schemes in South Arcot district; and

(*c*) what works have been undertaken for execution under the Community Project Schemes in South Arcot district and how many coolies and staff were employed up to the end of March 1953?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) The Five-Year Plan has been made in the interests of the State as a whole and not with reference to any particular district or constituency. Figures of expenditure by districts are not now available and the time and labour involved in collecting the information will not be commensurate with the results to be achieved. As regards the Community Projects, the Community Projects Development Block was started in the South Arcot district only from 2nd October 1953 and no expenditure was therefore incurred to end of March 1953.

" (*b*) The assistance from the Centre is mainly in the shape of loans. Grants are given in respect of only some schemes approved by them, e.g., Grow More Food Schemes. Such assistance has been given, taking into consideration the needs of the State as a whole and details of assistance for each district are not now available.

" (*c*) The question does not arise, as the scheme was introduced in the South Arcot district only from 2nd October 1953."

Construction of the reservoir at Thimiri, Kasargod taluk.

* 740 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP (on behalf of Sri M. Narayanan Nambiar) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state when the Government propose to start the construction of the reservoir at Thimiri in Kasargod taluk, South Kanara district?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" The proposal has been dropped on account of its poor food value and its prohibitive cost."

Filaria surveys in Malabar.

* 741 *Q.*—SRI T. ANANTHA PAI (on behalf of Sri N. Gopala Menon) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state the steps taken by the Government to prevent the spread of filariasis in the coastal regions of Malabar?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The Regional Malaria Organization, Coimbatore, in whose jurisdiction Malabar is, conducts filaria surveys in the district, prepares schemes of control for the places where filariasis is endemic, and recommends them to the local bodies concerned for adoption. The